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SUBJECT: SINO-INDIAN BORDER INCIDENTS

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1. RE PARA 2 OF REFTTEL, LONDON TIMES ON OCTOBER 27 CARRIED SMALL ITEM FROM ITS CORRESPONDENT IN HONG KONG REPORTING "CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY REPRESENTATIVES IN HONG KONG PRIVATELY CONFIRM RECENT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT CHINESE AND INDIAN TROOPS CLASHED IN SEVERAL FRONTIER INCIDENTS AT SIKIM AND LADAKH, KASHMIR, DURING THE COUP AGAINST SHAIKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN IN AUGUST." ITEM REPORTS CHINESE REPORT ENCOUNTERS WERE "MINOR" INVOLVING DEFENDING CHINESE BORDER UNITS.

2. SINCE THEN BRITISH PRESS HAS CARRIED SEVERAL REUTERS ITEMS REPORTING FOUR INDIAN SOLDIERS KILLED IN SINO-INDIAN BORDER CLASH ON OCTOBER 20. FCO SOUTH ASIA OFFICE AS OF NOVEMBER 3 HAD LITTLE INFORMATION ON CLASH. WE NOTE REFERENCE IN NOVEMBER 3 ITEM IN US INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS TO BORDER CLASH AT ARUNACHAL PRADESH, INCLUDING STATEMENT, "THE INDIAN ARMY'S EASTERN COMMANDER TOLD A FOREIGN DIPLOMAT ON NOVEMBER 1 THAT THE FOUR INDIAN

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SOLDIERS KILLED ON THE 20TH HAD BEEN TORTURED." WE UNDER-

STAND BRITISH INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS DISCOUNT TORTURE
STORY.

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